

## LYNN GLAISTER – PERSONAL STATEMENT

I cannot remember a time in the last 35 years when I have had such a gap between watching live rugby. With the exception of spending time with my friends and family being at Cardiff Arms Park is one of the things I am most missing during the last twelve months. It is clear from watching games on the TV the thing the game needs to be make it come alive is Supporters. Rugby cannot just become a TV spectacular; it is vital that when the pandemic comes under control that we have rugby to go back to and I am committed to helping ensure that happens.

I am standing to be Chair of the Trust as David Allen has decided to step down from that position, but I am pleased he will stay an active member. There is so much that we can say about the fantastic work David has done as the first ever chair but I will leave that until another time

The work done by members of CF10 to create the online Cardiff Rugby museum is a shining example of what can be achieved by passionate individuals, and I look forward to campaigning for a physical site within the Cardiff Arms Park for a museum. However, whilst preserving the heritage is amazing in itself it is not enough, we need to ensure the future of rugby at Cardiff Arms Park and the board and observers of CF10 are all as committed to that as we were on day 1. We want that heritage to stand proud as the club moves on to greater days. Make no mistake these are challenging times, and the lack of finances will be painful for some while yet. The supporters' voice should and must be heard. In an era when we rely on benefactors, corporate organisations, WRU and Government to keep our clubs afloat financially it could become increasingly more difficult to ensure supporters wishes and needs are met. In CF10 I believe we have a powerful independent voice that is committed to finding out what the supporters views are and then to feed this back to the club, and I pledge to continue doing this.

So, a little bit about me – I have been a member of CF10 board since the trust's inception. I have regularly met with the Cardiff Blues management on behalf of CF10. I have met with most Cardiff MP's and Senedd Members, and many local Councillors to raise awareness of the CF10 and our aims, many have now chosen to join us as members. I have been part of the communications team from the start and I am one of the social media team which means keeping up to date with rugby news, both local and national.

I have followed Cardiff, and then the Cardiff Blues, across Europe with my husband (sadly now deceased). I live in Cathays and my other interests include music, politics, and real ale! My career has included being a Training Officer, a manager for an insurance company in various departments, Senior Researcher and Office Manager for a South Wales MP, but now I have given all that up and enrolled as a full-time student studying Fine Art.

I believe I have a wide range of skills that will help me if you give me the honour of being elected Chair. In particular I am a team player, but I am also not afraid to challenge where necessary. I will make my own mind up on issues after listening to all sides.

There are so many talented and committed CF10 members and I will do my best to ensure we reach out to allow you to be as active as you want to be.

I am fully committed to our club and want to see it thrive. Having watched Cardiff rugby all over the UK and Europe, I have seen the highs and the lows. I have watched us lift cups in Marseille, Twickenham and Bilbao. I just love the game. I understand the need for progress, but also respect the past. I want our club to succeed again, to achieve the highest level we can, and I want the fans voices heard by the Directors. Thank you for considering my nomination.